National Consultation on empowering livelihood for BPL people

1619. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a 3-day national consultation on empowering livelihood was held to dicsuss the concerns relating to rural economy and development with a focus on over 300 million people living below poverty line in the country;

(b) whether the Poorest Areas Civil Society Programme is being implemented in six States with the help of British Government;

(c) what is the criteria adopted in selecting the States; and

(d) what are the reasons for including the State of Andhra Pradesh from the above programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development did not hold any National Consultation on empowering livelihood in the recent past.

(b) to (d) As per information furnished by the Department of Economic Affairs, the Poorest Areas Civil Society (PACS) Programme is being implemented in various States of India under the funding by Department For International Development (DFID), Government of U.K. Currently the programme is spread across in six States in India i.e., Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. The PACS is an NGO Programme directly funded by DFID and the criteria adopted in selecting the States or the project or the NGO rests with DFID. It is reported that presently this programme is not in operation in Andhra Pradesh.

New projects under IWDP in Rajasthan

1620. DR.T3YAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government has sought sanction for 30 watershed programmes running under IWDP;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) For the year 2005-06, the Rajasthan Government had submitted a priority list of 27 projects under the Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP). The Project Screening Committee (PSC) meeting held in the month of May, 2005 approved 15 projects. The first instalment of Central Share has been released to the respective DRDA/ZPs. Details are given in the Stateman.

Statement

District-wise list of new Proposed Watershed Development Projects the integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) during 2005-06 (Under Hariyali Guidelines)

SL. No.	*Name of the* Projects/ District	Block(s)	*Area (in* Ha.)	(Rs. in lakhs) Project Cost	Central Share	State Share	Amount released
1	Bhilwara	Mandal	5000	300.00	275.00	25.00	41.25
2	Bundi	Kesorai Patan	5587	335.22	307.29	27.94	46.09
3	Bhilwara	Shahpura	5000	300.00	275.00	25.00	41.25
4	Bundi	Kesorai Patan	4812	288.72	264.66	24.06	39.70
5	Rajsamand	Khamnor	2950	177.00	162.25	14.75	24.34
6	Dholpur	Baseri	5000	300.00	275.00	25.00	41.25
7	Tonk	Tonk	6000	360.00	330.00	30.00	49.50
8	Alwar	Umrain	5000	300.00	275.00	25.00	41.25
9	Ajmer	Arain	5850	351.00	321.75	29.25	48.26
10	Dholpur	Bari	5290	317.40	290.95	26.45	43.64
11	Chittorgarh	Nimbahera	5000	300.00	275.00	25.00	41.25
12	Baran	Kishanganj	5387	323.22	296.29	26.94	44.44
13	Tonk	Niwai	5000	300.00	275.00	25.00	41.25
14	Dausa	Lalsot	5119	307.14	261.55	25.60	42.23
15	Rajsamand	Amet	6000	360.00	330.00	30.00	49.50
	TOTAL		76995	4619.70	4234.73	384.98	635.21